going undetected. To avoid this the former procedure may be adopted.

Per contra.

Mr. S. R. Balakrishna Rao, Shimoga Municipality. As dafadars are not generally well educated, it is inexpedient to allow them to investigate cases. In the Shimoga District where the system has been in force for some time, no inconvenience is felt.

Mr. C. Vasudeva Rao of Chikmagalur endorsed the above opinion. Mr. Ramanujiengar of Kadaba requested that the number of investigating centres might be increased.

Reply of Government.—The system cannot be altered as it has been working satisfactorily. If, in any place, there is undue delay in the investigation of cases owing to paucity of Jamadars, the matter may be brought to the notice of the Inspector-General of Police. Perhaps it will be possible to invest individual dafadars with powers to investigate.

SUBJECT NO. 75.

Police outposts.

Mr. Hutchviregowda, Gubbi taluk.

Summary of discussion.—Under the existing rules, every station has one or two outposts attached to it, and to each outpost 50 to 100 villages are attached and there they must be impressed with a seal by the patel and carried with a permit to be given by him.

(2) Mr. K. Shama Iyengar, Channagiri taluk.

(2) The practice of stealing cattle on account of inducements offered by Labbes and other dealers in hides is on the increase every day. Certain proposals were sent up to Government on the subject and these, it is understood, were referred to the District Magistrates for necessary action. But nothing seems to have been done to find out even a single case of cattle-stealing till now and punish the offenders. If this practice goes on unchecked, it is sure to tell on the well-being of the agricultural classes. It is therefore necessary that legislation should be directed to prevent this evil practice.

Mr. A. Ramanna stated that the dealers in hides should be required to keep a register and that hides should not be taken without a permit from the patel or the shanbhog of the village, who must ascertain and certify whether the animal died of natural causes.

Reply of Government.—The question is beset with practical difficulties. The system of marking the hides of deceased animals was tried in the Agency tracts of Vizagapatam and given up as the headman appointed was found to often collude with the offenders. If definite suggestions are made, the matter will be considered.